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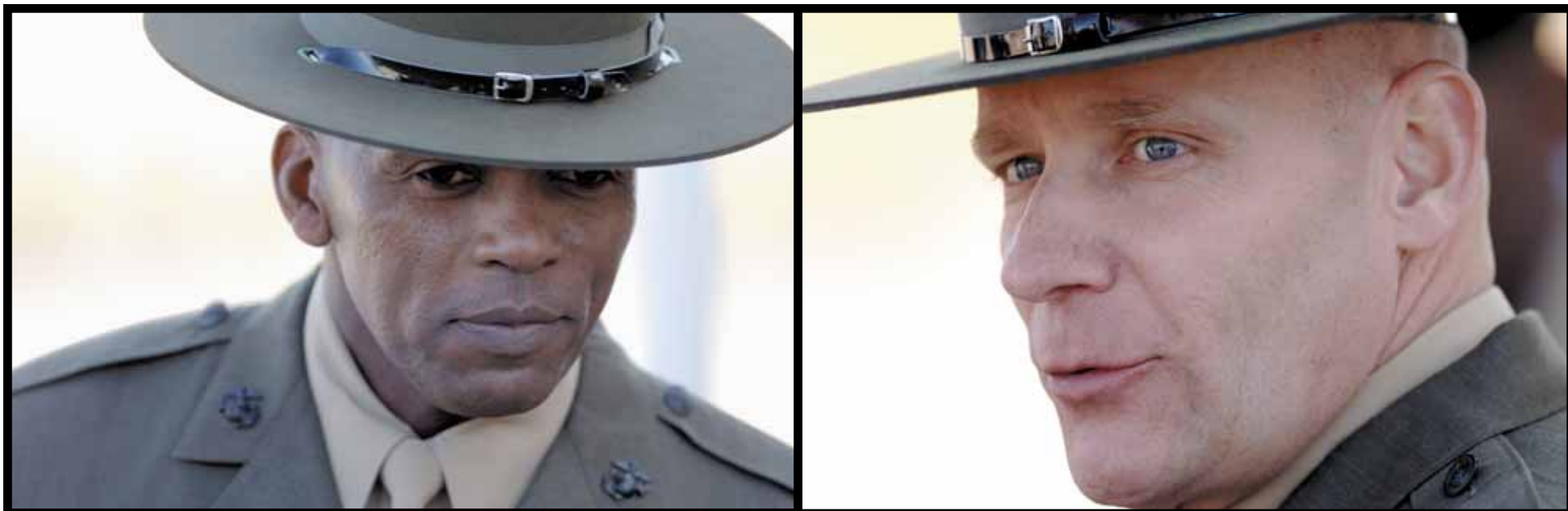
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Sgt. Maj. Bobby B. Woods, left, relieved Sgt. Maj. Frank E. Pulley as sergeant major, Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego and the Western Recruiting Region. Staff Sgt. Jeff Janowiec/Chevron photos

Depot welcomes Woods, bids Pulley farewell at post and relief ceremony

BY LANCE CPL. KAITLYN M. SCARBORO
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Sergeant Maj. Bobby B. Woods relieved Sgt. Maj. Frank E. Pulley of his duties as sergeant major, Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego and the Western Recruiting Region in a relief and appointment ceremony at Shepherd Field Feb. 16, at 10 a.m.

The 29th depot sergeant major, Pulley held this post from April 2003 until February 2006, and is now assigned as sergeant major of the 1st Marine Division at Marine Corps Base Camp Pendleton, Calif.

After completion of boot camp and infantry training, Woods was first assigned to 1st Battalion, 3rd Marines in Hawaii, where he completed two Western Pacific deployments.

Under the Fleet Assistance Program, Woods was assigned as an instructor at the Base Correctional Custody Unit from April 1981 to June 1982.

As a sergeant, Woods changed military occupational specialties from infantryman to the aircraft, firefight-

ing and rescue field, and he reported to Marine Corps Air Station Cherry Point, N.C.

Woods later served as a drill instructor and senior drill instructor with Company E here until November 1987, when he transferred to MCAS Tustin, Calif.

In October 1991, Woods returned to Hawaii to serve with Marine Wing Support Squadron 174 and Station Operation Maintenance Squadron.

In August 1994, he received orders back to the depot where he served as a series gunnery sergeant for Co. D, and a company first sergeant for Co. C.

Woods served as a senior and leadership instructor at Drill Instructor School here in July 1995 before reassignment to 2nd Bn., 4th Marines, 5th Marine Regiment, Camp Pendleton, in 1996.

Woods completed two deployments to Kuwait with the 31st Marine Expeditionary Unit, while assigned to Battalion Landing Team, 2nd Bn., 4th Marines.

After selection to sergeant major in March 2000, Woods served as school sergeant major and area sergeant major at the Assault Amphibian School Bn.,

Camp Pendleton.

In December 2002, Woods assumed duties as sergeant major of Recruiting Station Chicago and was selected to become sergeant major of the 12th Marine Corps Recruiting District in January 2005.

Woods attended both the Staff Noncommissioned Officer Career Course in Quantico, Va. in January 1985, and the SNCO Advanced Course at MCAS El Toro, Calif.

While attached to Drill Instructor School in 1996, Woods attended the first Commandant of the Marine Corps' First Sergeants' Course in Quantico, Va.

Woods' personal decorations include the Meritorious Service Medal with a gold star in lieu of second award, the Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal with a gold star in lieu of a second award, the Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal with a gold star in lieu of a second award, and he was awarded the Good Conduct Medal nine times.

Supporting Woods throughout his military service are his wife RhodaAnn Woods of Kaneohe, Hawaii, and their two children Ebony, 23, and Bobby, 9.

Relief society that aids Marines, sailors ready for donations

BY LANCE CPL. DORIAN GARDNER
Chevron staff

The Navy Marine Corps Relief Society kicked off its 2006 year contribution drive Feb. 17, hoping to match 2005's donations.

NMCRS is a non-profit organization that provides assistance to Navy and Marine Corps families around the world who may find themselves in need of help financially, according to Capt. Tim DeMann,

Headquarters and Service Battalion activity chairperson.

A force that is comprised mainly of volunteers, NMCRS strives to assist Marines and seamen with financial and educational assistance, and to manage funds to administer to these programs.

NMCRS operates through more than 230 offices world-wide to support its members overseas. Centers of operation are also located on the home front to sup-

port Marines in between deployments.

On the depot, NMCRS assisted personnel and their families by contributing nearly \$172,000 in emergency aid and assisting in 76 non-financial cases. Various grants given away throughout the year amounted to \$16,536 and fund drive contributions capped at \$148,798. The average monetary amount per assist was \$918.79.

NMCRS gave more than 33.1 million

dollars for emergency aid world-wide in 2005, including \$2,218,569 in hurricane relief to 5,692 clients.

"This program is not funded through the government at all. It's completely through donations," said DeMann.

The depot commanding general, Brig. Gen. John M. Paxton Jr., was the first to drop some money in the pot for this year's drive.

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RECRUIT SPOTLIGHT

He preached the word in India and Thailand. Now he is ready to tell it to the grunts.

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Championship week. See who lived up to the hype.

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MCRD running team shows well at San Dieguito run, seeks more

BY PVT. CHARLIE CHAVEZ
Chevron staff

Avid runners and Marines gathered during a crisp cool morning in the heart of Del Mar, Calif. to run a competitive individual 5k and half marathon Feb. 12.

Twelve members from the depot running team were among the hundreds of runners gathered for the 38th Annual San Dieguito 5k and Half Marathon at San Dieguito Park.

Most of the runners from the depot team finished in the top 200 of 1,248, which can partially be accredited to the team practices.

The fastest depot runner for the San Dieguito Half Marathon was Capt. Craig Clark, finishing in 49th place with a run time of 1 hour 27 minutes.

The running team practices twice weekly, running seven to nine miles each time. The ability of each runner is broken down into groups of how fast the Marines run a mile.

“Some of the Marines show up just to maintain physical fit-

ness, and others just for the sheer camaraderie,” said Sgt. Sergio H. Esquivel, team captain. “We all just like to run.”

The depot running team is currently preparing for a grueling two-day, 183 mile relay race beginning on the desert floor of Borrego Springs, Calif., and finishing in Pine Valley, Calif., April 29-30.

“It’s not about how fast you run or how well you run,” added Esquivel. “We just want to support and to help people run more.”

Esquivel is doing really well making sure that the teams runs are paid for and that the team gets together to work on techniques, said Master Sgt. Robert E. Pederson, team member.

The running team has had support from Marine Corps Community Services for uniforms, food and the necessary items. MCCS also asks the team to help coordinate runs on the depot, said Pederson.

For more information on joining the depot running team, contact Sgt. Esquivel at the Martial Arts Training Center at (619) 524-2028 or (619) 524-5114.

BRIEFS

Free tax service

The Legal Assistance Office is open for free tax filing for active duty, active reservists, retired service members and dependents. The office is open Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Wednesdays from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. and Fridays from 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. For more information, call the Legal Assistance Office at (619) 524-4110 or (619) 524-4111.

St. Patrick’s Day run

The annual Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego St. Patrick’s Day Fun Run is scheduled to begin at 2 p.m. March 17. Race-day registration begins at 11:30 a.m.

For online registration, visit www.mccsmcrd.com, or call (619) 524-0548 for more details. Registered runners will receive a free T-shirt.

Bench Press Series 2006

This year’s Bench Press Series begins with a March 22 competition at Phillips Hall, the depot fitness center. Competitions are also scheduled for July 19 and Nov. 1. For more information about the Bench Press Series, call (619) 524-0548.

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One former depot Marine received much assistance after his wife gave birth to twins.

“It helped out a lot,” said Cpl. Edward R. Guevara Jr. “I had two babies. Every little bit helps.”

According to Guevara, NMCRS sent him and his wife through a “baby boot camp” that helped with their budgeting.

“The class went over things that we would have to do financially,” said Guevara.

Guevara and his family also received two layettes for their babies. Layettes are gift baskets filled with baby essentials to help the new parents get started.

“Kind of like a baby starter kit,” said Guevara.

Each depot entity has an appointed representative to gather donations from Marines, seamen, Coast Guardsmen and civilians eager to donate.

Capt. Jeremy B. Chesla is the NMCRS representative for 12th Marine Corps District. Capt. Bettina Luis represents the Recruit Training Regiment and Capt. Daryl Moore is the Headquarters and Service Battalion representative.

Since 1904, NMCRS has managed to help nearly four million Marines, sailors and their families. Donations and fundraising events can help NMCRS continue their success for another century.

Depot library comes up roses

BY LANCE CPL. KAITLYN M. SCARBORO
Chevron staff

Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego’s library was recognized through a Headquarters Marine Corps mandated national survey for providing the highest customer service satisfaction of all Marine Corps libraries last fall.

Survey results, published earlier this month, measured the depot library’s customer service level at a 95 percent satisfaction rate, with MCRD Parris Island, S.C. coming in second place with 93 percent.

The consolidated average for the 17 Marine Corps installation libraries was 87 percent customer satisfaction.

“We have a very wonderful staff at the front desk. Everyone gets along and re-

ally enjoys their job,” said Becky Young, depot librarian. “As a result, it’s a very good team and everyone works well together. I’m amazed that everybody is as conscientious about it as they are.”

Libraries were judged on customer service and staff quality, digital offerings such as movie and music selections, available use of computers, and the overall satisfaction of customers.

The depot library’s friendly staff was credited with the high levels of customer satisfaction.

“Everybody really likes their jobs. It shows, and it carries on to the patrons. The patrons get the benefits of it,” said Young.

Some anonymous comments from library patrons include:

“A great example of what a library

should be. Don’t change a thing.”

“MCRD San Diego has the best library within the Marine Corps. I have over 25 years of service and visited over 20 military bases and this is the best I’ve seen.”

“This library is well run; an asset to my military career and personal family life. Its loss would be devastating.”

Overall, library goers agreed that the staff and literary selections of the depot’s library exceeded expectations.

“It’s convenient. It’s free. I’m pretty sure people like the idea that they can go there and not have to pay for a membership,” said military policeman Lance Cpl. Kevin McCartney, a frequent library browser.

Requests for better air conditioning and more available parking were noted in the formal survey.

PRESIDENTS’ DAY

WASHINGTON’S CHRISTMAS CAMPAIGN

BY JOANNA M. McDONALD
Depot historian

In honor of America’s first great president’s birthday, Gen. George Washington, which uses fictional characters to tell a true story, written in first person. Author’s note: The Battle of Princeton (historically written Prince Town) was part of The Christmas Campaign 1776-1777.

My brother and I followed the Christmas Campaign of 1776-1777. I was 10 and he was 15. With great jubilation, we received the news that Washington had captured Trenton, N. J., the day after Christmas. Curious, and living only 39 miles distant in a small town called Prince Town, we borrowed a horse and headed for the city.

We wanted to see Gen. George Washington. We also read that Marine Maj. Samuel Nicholas’ Marine battalion had joined up with Washington. Nicholas wrote, “Since the enemy had overrun the Jerseys, and the army had been greatly reduced, three Marine companies have been ordered to march under the command of His Excellency, the Commander-in-Chief – Gen. George Washington.”

We first heard about our Continental Marines two years ago when they were organized in Philadelphia.

On the evening of Jan. 2, 1777, we wandered into Trenton. We peeked through the windows of a house where a bright hearth fire crackled and lit up the room. Continental officers surrounded a table on which sat wine and tobacco. They argued whether they should retreat toward Philadelphia.

The commanders also discussed some battle going on since afternoon near Maidenhead. The British and German troops had made three heavy assaults on a bridge over Assumpink Creek. Trenton was now divided in two – the British and Germans held the upper part and the Continentals controlled the lower part. Reports came in that the bridge over Assumpink Creek was riddled with dead redcoats. The blood of both sides stained the bridge.

With Trenton split in two, one general pointed at the map and stated, “Our forces should steal away this night and move toward Princeton,” where the British had left a small garrison. It was a bold act, one that Alexander the Great might make. Washington approved; he would take the initiative and head toward Prince Town.

After the meeting, my brother and I disappeared into the night, and headed back to Prince Town. The road home was easy to follow, even in the dark; our adrenaline was so high we did not feel the need for sleep. We made it back to town as the sun was rising and hid in the southern woods looking out upon an open field where a wooden fence zigzagged across the landscape.

On the cold early morning, Jan. 3, Continental Gen. Hugh Mercer led a brigade made up of 300-350 men from Maryland, Va., Delaware, Pennsylvania and New Jersey artillerymen. Gen. John Cadwalader’s unit was several hundred yards away. Some armed with rifles, Cadwalader’s brigade consisted of several Pennsylvania Militia units and one Delaware Militia unit. There also, standing proudly, were the Continental Marines under command of Nicholas. They carried .75 cal “Brown Bess” flintlock smooth-bore muskets. Washington was nowhere to be seen.

Suddenly a vile British dragoon appeared; he spotted Mercer’s brigade crossing through a field and orchard. The horseman turned and reported back to the redcoat commander, Col. Charles Mawhood. The colonel had been ordered to Trenton, but recognizing this new threat he sent his 800-900 man force out to meet the Continental vanguard.

A British skirmish line delivered the first volley; orchard branches fell on Mercer’s men. The Continen-

tals wheeled about and returned fire with muskets and cannon. The noise was deafening, and we covered our ears. The redcoats answered with a thunderous crack and charged with bayonets. Wide-eyed, my brother and I stood facing the smoke engulfed field. The Continentals fired perhaps three more times, but by then the British were at the fence line. Many of the soldiers began to retreat. To our horror, we saw a British soldier strike a Continental officer (Mercer) over the head with his musket butt, and repeatedly bayonet him. The Brits rushed more reinforcements into the battle, and Mercer’s brigade fled in disorder.

Cadwalader, with his Pennsylvania militia and Continental Marines, heard the firing and rushed his men toward the field. We could see Nicholas’ glorious Marines with fixed bayonets formed to the right of the line. Cadwalader ordered the entire line to fire at the on-rushing British. But the redcoats were too far away and the volley had no effect.

The men reloaded; Nicholas’ Marines held their muskets firmly with fixed bayonets. It was too late to fire again as the British were already 50 yards away. The English halted and threw a volley of lead into the Marines and Pennsylvania Militia. Cadwalader withdrew his men 40 yards and tried to rally them.

Horried, my brother and I could not watch; we were so angry and frightened. But, just when we thought the battle was lost, riding onto the field was a man towering upon a large white horse – Washington. He reorganized Mercer’s and Cadwalader’s men, and he personally led them into the fray supported by two artillery pieces. More Continental soldiers appeared coming over the hill.

Astride his white horse, Washington made a grand target for the redcoats. But to our amazement he remained untouched. He knew how to inspire his men as he shared the same dangers with them. It was an incredible sight to see – every one of those dang blasted Brit bullets missed him. One of Washington’s own aides covered his eyes, not wishing to see his commander-in-chief fall victim.

With a battalion of men from Cadwalader’s unit, the Marines and Pennsylvanian’s charged to within 30 yards of the British line. Washington rode between the redcoats and Cadwalader’s line waving his men forward, shouting for them to fire. Smoke swirled around him as bullets closely flew past him. When the smoke cleared, Washington’s imposing figure still sat upon his horse; both remained unscathed – a miracle for the Continental force.

The assault devastated the redcoats’ line, and they scattered into the winds. The Americans cheered and began pursuing the cowardly English. Washington yelled, “It is a fine fox chase my boys!”

We began walking over the bloodied snow-covered field. We counted over 40 dead redcoats and 45 Americans killed in action. There was twice that number wounded from both sides. Among the dead was Marine Capt. William Shippen from Pennsylvania. He was 26-years-old.

After my brother and I returned home, our parents rejoiced and then punished us soundly. The following year my brother joined the Continental Marines.

This campaign proved to be a vital victory for Washington and the Continental forces in defeating the British in the Revolutionary War. Today, Marines still attend staff rides at this battlefield, studying its significance in America’s military history. A special thanks to John Mills, Princeton Battlefield Park historian, for more information e-mail or call the Princeton Battlefield State Park, pbsb@aol.com or (609) 921-0074, or stop by the Command Museum library for printed material.

Excuse me: A simple, yet underused expression

BY LANCE CPL. KAITLYN M. SCARBORO
Chevron staff

“Excuse me.”

I’ve never understood why it is so hard for some people to use such a simple phrase.

It’s not a hard phrase to comprehend. The sentence itself is comprised of two whole words.

The military has this idea that the word excuse, by itself, has some hideous hidden meaning and should never be used. The out-dated consideration is that no one should ever have an excuse for their actions, in which case, not only do they lack all proper civility, it usually results in large misunderstandings between ranks.

The word “excuse” has three definitions, according to Merriam Webster’s Collegiate Dictionary, that I’d like to annotate in reference to the phrase “Excuse me.”

First, “to make apology for,” hints that when using the term excuse me, it should be directed at an action one did that may cause harm or offense to another person.

A second definition for the word “excuse” is “disregard as of trivial import.” That means don’t pay attention to it because it’s not worth the time.

Finally, in reference to the word “excuse,” the idea “to try to remove blame from, to forgive entirely,” pops up in my lovely little folio of descriptions.

This would be the time when you are at a crowded restaurant or bar. You are trying to maneuver your way around people and randomly placed chairs or waiters. All you want to do is get out and everyone is in your way.

As you flail your arms, reaching for the door, you wind up hitting me, in all my glory and prestige.

This is the perfect time to put this pint-sized-but-potent little phrase to use.

All of the people who continually collide into me without the slightest utterance of apology probably weren’t raised with the same courtesies as my Texas family, however, if I have enough presence of mind to apologize for standing in your way, I would greatly appreciate the generous consideration of a comment in return acknowledging my overall physical presence.

I know at boot camp we were all taught our proper customs and courtesies. I also know many of us learned to sleep with our eyes open in the very first weeks.

I believe you’ll find that polite and respectful behavior breeds a good mood.

Thus, the term “excuse me” will breed a chirpier response from me when you so rudely knock into me.

A generally well-mannered disposition breeds understanding. Thus, using the term “excuse” shouldn’t be considered disdainful, so much as a way of respectfully requesting permission to be human and make a mistake.

Maybe one day, after you are able to fully appreciate an “excuse me,” you may be able to coin a phrase that is polite and respectful in response.

We’ll work at it, one step at a time

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Master Sgt. Daniel Price, enlisted band leader. Marine Band San Diego, stands in front of the band accepting applause after a performance at Lopez High School in Brownsville, Texas. Sgt. Ashley Unfried/Chevron photos



Sgt. Malia Gregory speaks with a member of the audience after a performance at the Marine Military Academy in Harlingen, Texas.



Cpl. Hochaing Wang gives Adam Carreron, a student at Weslaco High School in McAllen, Texas, a few tips in techniques for trombone after the brass quintet performed.

LONE STAR LEATHERNECKS

Marine Band San Diego tours Texas on intrastate recruiting trip

BY SGT. ASHLEY UNFRIED
Chevron Staff

Marine Band San Diego traveled to the 8th Marine Corps District in Texas to promote community awareness and recruitment Feb. 12 to 18.

The band visited both the 9th and 12th MCDs during 2005 and was scheduled to make a few stops in South Texas in December. Due to the hurricane activity, however, the trip was postponed until February.

"High School graduates in the McAllen, Corpus Christi, Harlingen and Brownsville areas have fewer job opportunities than kids who live in and around the bigger cities," said Gunnery Sgt. Adrian Arranaga, a recruiter in the Recruiting Substation Harlingen area.

"They think it's either college or nothing," said Gunnery Sgt. Rick Dengler, 8th MCD Musicians Technical Assistant. The MTA conducts auditions for Marine Corps applicants interested in joining the band.

According to Arranaga, the Rio Grande Valley has experienced casualties of military personnel. He feels the casualties attained may have hurt the community's view of the Marine Corps.

The band is one of the only jobs in the marine Corps that has the opportunity to interact with civilians and give them a product, according to Sgt. Micheil Burgos, the band's piano player. Potential ap-

plicants are exposed to real marines doing their jobs.

"The will is out there," said Arranaga.

Arranaga hoped the visit would reinvigorate patriotism to those who may have forgotten.

The band spent the week at local high schools where they performed concerts, played with high school bands and conducted band clinics. This was done largely to support the recruiting mission.

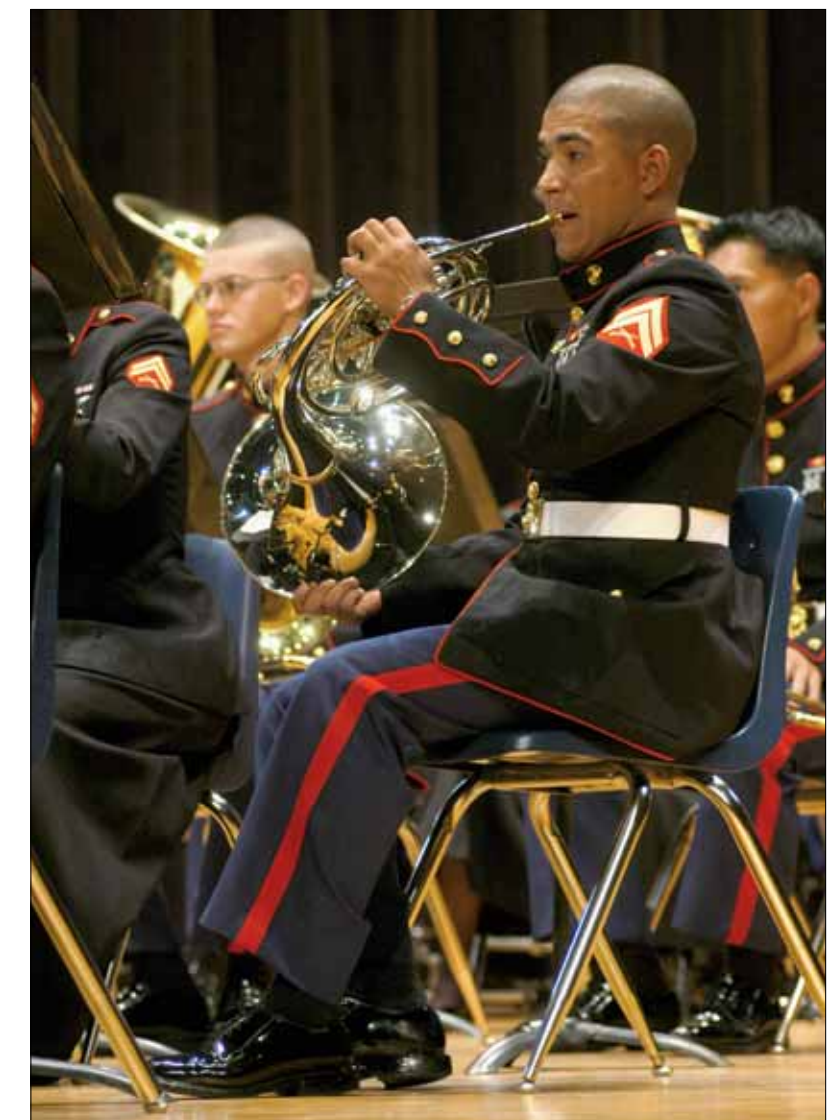
"It gives us a really good opportunity to find highly qualified applicants for (the Musician Enlisted Options Program)," said Cpl. Paul Miller, a clarinet player with the band.

Concerts during the day included many popular marches. After the concerts, Staff Sgt. Joe Payton, enlisted conductor for the band, opened the floor up for questions from the students. They were informed of band audition requirements, School of Music life, military band life and the bands' roles during a war or conflict.

Night concerts gave the band a chance to show off their versatility with musical selections like Gee, Officer Krupke, arranged by Staff Sgt. Adam Pezdek, and Pines of the Appian Way, a movement from the Pines of Rome by Ottorino Respighi.

Every night ended with a tribute to those who have served in America's armed forces with a medley of the service songs.

The band's next recruiting tour will take it into the heart of 9th MCD as they visit St. Louis, Mo. in April.



Cpl. Andres Navarro plays his French horn in Brownsville, Texas. The band and brass quintet performed at almost a dozen schools throughout South Texas.

BOOT CAMP REVIVAL



Center, Pfc. Travis W. Patton, Platoon 2159, Company F, leads fellow platoon mates in evening prayer. Pvt. Charlie Chavez Chevron

Devout Marine witnessed in training, now he’s swinging the light to the Corps

BY PVT. CHARLIE CHAVEZ
Chevron staff

Following his heart and the Lord into the Marine Corps infantry, a Company F recruit is fueled by his determination and compassion to help others renew their faith in God or begin their religious faith.

Private First Class Travis W. Patton, Platoon 2159, is a native of the small town Paoli, Ind., where he grew up with a single mother and an older brother.

Patton, the only high school graduate in his family, became devout in his faith as a young boy. He attended church and youth programs at the age of 13. He also donated a lot of his time to the elderly and missions, said Mary Lou Patton, Travis’ mother.

Before he joined the Marine Corps, Patton accompanied Teen Mania Ministries on a mission into London, India and Thailand helping spread the gospel message of Jesus Christ to others. He also participated in clean-up efforts after Hurricane Katrina and other local relief efforts.

“I want people to seek God. As long as they seek God, I’m content,” said Patton. “When I was 16 and 17, I knew it was my calling to be a missionary, just

like I know what it is now – to be a Marine.”

After graduating high school, Patton worked at a local Wal-Mart and attempted to find a college so he could become a minister, but he realized he couldn’t find the right one that appealed to him spiritually and financially.

“In the small town where he grew up, you either went to college or went to work in a factory,” said Mary Lou. “He wanted to get out and do the work of God.”

Distraught, Patton looked for guidance from his pastor who was a former Marine, and he helped solidify the idea of joining the Marine Corps. Patton then contacted his local recruiter in Bedford, Ind., Sgt. Andrew P. Holm, who helped him join.

“Travis called me up, and I went down and visited him and his mother and even his pastor. He was a very religious young fellow, and he had all the qualities of a Marine you wanted,” said Holm. “Other than small mental and physical preparation, he was ready to go to recruit training.”

Patton said, “I always had entertained the thought of joining the Marine Corps since I was young. I just wanted to go into the Marine Corps infantry so I could spiritually reach those Marines.”

During evenings in the barracks, Patton is known to gather fellow recruits and preach and pray with them.

“The other recruits sit around and eat up his words,” said Sgt. Abraham C. Bueno, drill instructor, Platoon 2159, Co. F. “He is very spiritual and a relief for some of the other recruits.”

Following the will of the Lord into recruit training was something Patton welcomed for the moral and mental challenges of boot camp. His ambition to help lead the platoon spiritually stood out to his drill instructors.

“He leads by example, and the others follow him,” said Bueno. “I can depend on him to motivate the platoon when needed.”

Although Patton held the admiration of the drill instructors, he also had the difficulties that other recruits endured.

“Training definitely helped me to put my faith in the Lord,” said Patton.

Finished with recruit training, Patton looks forward to the School of Infantry, where he will go on to become an infantryman spreading the word of the Lord to his fellow Marines.

Sgt. Maj. Carlton W. Kent

PARADE REVIEWING OFFICER

Sergeant Maj. Carlton W. Kent was born in Memphis, Tenn. He completed recruit training at Marine Corps Recruit Depot Parris Island, S.C. in March 1976 and was assigned to the 1st Marine Brigade.

In May 1978, Kent was transferred to Marine Security Guard Battalion where he served as a Marine Security Guard. He served at American Embassies, Kinshasa, Zaire and Panama.

In June 1981, Kent transferred to Fort Benning for Airborne School and Parachute Riggers School at Fort Lee, Va. In June 1982, he was assigned as 2nd Air Delivery Platoon Commander, and parachute rigger billets in various commands aboard Marine Corps Base Camp Lejeune, N.C.

In February 1983, he was transferred to Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego, for duty as a drill instructor,

senior drill instructor and battalion drill master with 1st Battalion. In January 1985, he was meritoriously promoted to gunnery sergeant.

In May 1985, Kent transferred to 3rd Air Delivery Platoon as a platoon sergeant. In June 1986 he transferred to Engineer Company, Brigade Service Support Group-1 1st Marine Brigade, Hawaii as company gunnery sergeant. In March 1988, Kent was assigned to Noncommissioned Officers School, 1st Marine Brigade as the NCOIC.

In February 1989, Kent transferred to MCRD Parris Island as a student at Drill Instructors School. After completion of the school, he was assigned to Naval Aviation Officers Candidate School in Pensacola, Fla. as a drill instructor, chief drill instructor, and first sergeant. In February 1990, Kent was promoted to first sergeant and assigned as first sergeant, Marine Aviation Training Support Group, Pensacola.

In June 1992, he transferred to 4th Marine Regiment for duty. In June 1993,

he transferred to the Army Sergeants Major Academy, Fort Bliss, Texas. After graduation in February 1994 he was assigned as first sergeant, Battery L, 3rd Battalion, 12th Marines. In December 1994, he assumed the duties as sergeant major, 3rd Battalion, 12th Marines.

In August 1997, Kent was transferred to the MCRD San Diego where he was assigned duties as sergeant major, 2nd Recruit Training Battalion, and in September 1999 as sergeant major Recruit Training Regiment.

In May 2001, he was transferred to Marine Forces Europe, Stuttgart, Germany where he was assigned the duties as the sergeant major of Marine Forces Europe.

In April 2004, he was transferred to I Marine Expeditionary Force, Marine Corps Base Camp Pendleton, Calif., where he is presently serving as the sergeant major.

His awards include the Legion of Merit, Meritorious Service Medal with gold star in lieu of second award, the



Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal with gold star in lieu of second award, the Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal with gold star in lieu of second award and the Combat Action Ribbon. He is the recipient of the General Gerald C. Thomas Award for inspirational leadership.

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COMPANY HONOR MAN Pfc. D. D. Hutton Indianapolis Recruited by Staff Sgt. M. G. Vickers	SERIES HONOR MAN Pfc. C. V. Lopez Jr. San Antonio Recruited by Staff Sgt. C. A. Poree	PLATOON HONOR MAN Pfc. Z. M. Hitchcock San Francisco Recruited by Staff Sgt. T. D. Sanford	PLATOON HONOR MAN Pfc. T. V. Nauta Seattle Recruited by Staff Sgt. J. Comly	PLATOON HONOR MAN Pfc. M. B. Beck Little Rock, Ark. Recruited by Gunnery Sgt. D. L. Crosby	PLATOON HONOR MAN Pfc. J. C. Rincon Martinez Dallas Recruited by Staff Sgt. F. Boyle	HIGH SHOOTER (239) Pfc. T. M. Cunningham Seattle Recruited by Staff Sgt. J. Comly	HIGH PFT (300) Pfc. C. V. Lopez Jr. San Antonio Recruited by Staff Sgt. C. A. Poree

FOX COMPANY



Platoon 2153, Company F’s honor platoon, stands in a platoon formation during a rehearsal graduation ceremony at Shepherd Memorial Drill Field. Lance Cpl. Dorian Gardner/Chevron

These are America’s newest Marines and their leaders at Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego. Company F graduates 454 men today:

SECOND RECRUIT TRAINING BATTALION
Commanding Officer
Lt. Col. V. A. Ary
Chaplain
Lt. F. Munoz
Sergeant Major
Sgt. Maj. T. T. Hoskins
Battalion Drill Master
Gunnery Sgt. P. Duncan

COMPANY F
Commanding Officer
Capt. A. L. Smith
Company First Sergeant
1st Sgt. J. M. Hidalgo
Company Corpsman
Petty Officer 3rd Class M. Gonzalez

SERIES 2153
Series Commander
Capt. E. J. Keck
Series Gunnery Sergeant
Gunnery Sgt. J. L. Kappen

SERIES 2157
Series Commander
Capt. J. P. Voorhees
Ass. Series Officer
1st Lt. G. M. Colbert
Series Gunnery Sergeant
Staff Sgt. D. R. Neel

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Staff Sgt. J. B. Noel
Drill Instructors
Staff Sgt. P. A. Valdez
Sgt. W. R. Hill
Sgt. A. L. Cardoza

Pvt. C. M. Aguilar
Pvt. C. M. Andreasen
Pvt. S. V. Arevalo
Pvt. J. T. Bailey
Pvt. C. W. Barnes
Pvt. D. J. Beach
Pfc. W. H. Blalock
Pvt. J. P. Bodewijn
Pvt. J. A. Boness
Pvt. C. L. Bradbury
Pvt. T. S. Brown
Pfc. D. Brundage
Pfc. C. D. Bryant
Pvt. C. T. Burleson
Pfc. D. Candelas
Pvt. R. P. Chaffin
Pvt. W. E. Chestnut

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Pvt. T. L. Cole
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Pvt. R. P. Davis
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Pvt. J. R. Humphries
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Sgt. S. P. Engs
Sgt. W. W. Davis
Sgt. A. Wilson

Pvt. Z. J. Anglen
Pvt. C. I. Arriola Jr.
Pvt. J. A. Avilagarcia
Pvt. J. S. Baker

Pfc. J. G. Vasquez
Pvt. M. A. Zaragoza II
Pfc. T. R. Smith

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Senior Drill Instructor
Staff Sgt. J. J. Fuentes
Drill Instructors
Staff Sgt. K. R. Warren
Staff Sgt. P. D. Livingston
Staff Sgt. P. Casillias

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Pvt. J. C. McGowan
Pvt. S. A. Parada
Pvt. W. J. Miller
Pvt. T. T. Mong
Pvt. R. A. Moores
Pvt. J. D. Prymott
Pvt. R. Y. Quevedo
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Pvt. A. Ortega
Pvt. R. S. Ostrowski
Pfc. M. A. Palaraon
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Pvt. J. M. Parvin
Pvt. C. S. Schino
Pvt. L. J. Pralle
Pvt. J. P. Quilquitt
Pvt. F. A. Saucedo
Pfc. M. R. Ramirez
Pvt. E. R. Reed II
Pvt. T. B. Rencher
Pvt. E. B. Rinehart
Pvt. C. A. Warden

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Recruit Training Regiment's 3rd Battalion team members slap hands with defeated Coast Guard Pacific Area Tactical Law Enforcement team. Pvt. Charlie Chavez/Chevron photos

BLUE STREAK

3rd Battalion destroys competition, takes trophy

BY PVT. CHARLIE CHAVEZ
Chevron staff

The depot Commanding General's Cup volleyball season ended with a 3rd Recruit Training Battalion victory at Murphy Field House Feb. 14.

In the beginning of the double-elimination tournament, Service Company lost both of its matches to 3rd Bn. and Coast Guard Pacific Area Tactical Law Enforcement Team eliminating them from the championship.

The championship match between Big Blue and PAC-TACLET proved to be a one-sided conquest for total victory by 3rd Bn. In the first set, 3rd Bn. rolled over PACTACLET 25-16, and finished the first match 25-19 in the second set.

"No one expected us to beat Service Company," said Petty Officer 2nd Class David Arrieta, 3rd Bn. "But here we are."

Winning the first game was an intricate part of seizing the championship and beating the undefeated PACTACLET in the double-elimination tournament.

"We are playing really well and just trying to take it one game at a time," said Lance Cpl. Jason L. Silva, 3rd Battalion. "Good Lord willing, things will work out."

The second match proved to be a landslide victory for 3rd Battalion once again, winning both sets 25-20 for the title.

The next Commanding General's Cup event is the chess tournament Monday.



Capt. Chad F. Schwarm, 3rd Battalion, prepares to stuff a spike from Coast Guard Petty Officer 1st Class Dave Bowechop.